

Boulevard Planning Group  
**MINUTES/SUMMARY, JUNE 3, 2010**  
Boulevard Fire and Rescue Inc. Bay Mtg. Area, 39919 Highway 94/Ribbonwood

**1) CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM.**

**2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL:** Members present: Tammy Daubach, Cheryl Lenz, Jeffrey McKernan, Chris Noland, Patricia Stuart, Donna Tisdale (Chair). Absent: Darlene Boublis (unexcused)

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** M/S McKernan/Lenz to approve the May 6, 2010 minutes. Passed: 5-0-1. (Stuart abstained due to absence from the May 6 meeting)

**4) CORRESPONDENCE:** The Group has received: A) Notice of a meeting on June 26, with DPLU staff at 9:00 AM. It will be about Alternative Representation for Community Planning and Sponsor Groups. B) SDG&E sent a notice of a planned power outage on June 12, beginning at 11:00 PM.

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUNRISE POWERLINK:** The Planning Group discussed sending a letter to Cleveland National Forest. The letter would reference previous letters, ask them to conduct a Supplemental EIS due to the flawed EIS/EIR, the new information in the May 15 Sunrise Project Modification Report, missing information, such as the cultural impact report, and local traffic impact report, and what plan amendments they are referring to. The letter should also request them to hold a public hearing with Supervisor Dianne Jacob.

**M/S McKernan/Stuart that the above letter be written and e-mailed to Cleveland National Forest staff before June 29, 2010. Passed 6-0-0.**

**B. SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT MODIFICATION REPORT:** Discussion of the incomplete May 15 Sunrise Project Modification Report (PMR) with missing information such as cultural impact report and local traffic impact report and discussion of the fire mitigation that will be provided for the Sunrise Powerlink. Discussion of the need for water studies and impacts of diverting water for use on the project. Bird and bat studies have not been attached to the PMR. Every fire station that fights wildland fires should be equally represented when it comes to mitigation funding. Fire fighting staffing and equipment is currently vastly underfunded.

**M/S Stuart/Lenz that the Planning Group write a letter referencing all previous letters, asking for more fire mitigation, mitigation for helicopter dust and noise, and a water study. Also included will be a request for an equal representation for impacted areas for the money distribution for fire mitigation. Passed 6-0-0.**

**C. SOLAR ENERGY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT & NEGATIVE DECLARATION: (POD 09-006): NO. 09-00-03:** Need to reiterate that the Planning Group supports on-site solar energy and projects on existing buildings and already disturbed lands near

the point of use. Solar energy that does not leave a footprint and is low-profile is preferable. Concerns were raised on the potential for new larger, higher profile solar generators, such as the Infina Power Dish, with a 15.4 diameter parabolic concentrator with a Stirling engine, and the SolFocus with 18-by-24 foot panels that appear to be on a tall pedestal, that were reported in use by SDG&E (SDUT 6-3-10).

**M/S McKernan/Noland that the Planning Group send a letter recommending size limitation, set-back distances relative to the size, noise impacts, new transmission lines, and new footprint made by the installation. Passed 6-0-0.**

**D. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE FOR WILDLAND FIRE AND FIRE PROTECTION:** No action was taken. Public comments are due by June 18, 2010.

**E. AT&T CELL SITE: CHAPMAN RANCH; P10-012; CASE # 3300-10-1012; KIVA #10-0126360:** Ted Marioncelli gave a presentation on AT&T's proposed cell site. The cell site will be located at 41749 Old Highway 80 not on Chapman Ranch, as it is labeled. Issues and concerns were raised regarding the name of the project which should be changed, the desire to move it back to the Chapman Ranch site on McCain Valley Road, suspected illegal uses on project site, proposed site is next to cutoff concrete section Historic Rte 80 and the Mistletoe Lodge which is believed to be part of the old Walker Ranch on the San Diego to Ft Yuma Road and Walker's express Trail, cumulative visual impacts with Sunrise Powerlink proposed to pass through meadow on north side of Historic Rt 80 (NE). There were requests for faux boulders instead of water tank, faux boulders and vegetation to camouflage concrete block wall, photo simulations, and a 4 G site.

**M/S Lenz/Noland that the Planning Group will send in a letter relaying project issues and concerns. Passed 6-0-0.**

**6. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. GENERAL PLAN, COMMUNITY PLAN:** No new information.

**B. SDG&E COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING:** At the May 18 SDG&E Boulevard Community Council meeting, Chief Francois said that CalFire would not drop retardant within 1,000 feet of lines, energized or not, due to potential for power to arc through smoke to the ground. It is up to the pilots and those in control at the time on whether or not they drop retardant parallel to lines at 1,000 feet. No ground crews within 1,000 feet either. No fire fighting after dark. The PUC/BLM only required \$250,000 for fire fighting the first year and \$59,000 every year after that. Jacumba's SDG&E Community Council meeting will be on June 16, 2010 at the Highland Senior Center at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited. It was requested that SDG&E hold the Boulevard Community Council Meetings at the Boulevard Fire Dept. Concerns were raised that the fire fighting mitigation funding was vastly inadequate.

**C. PROPOSED CAMPO LANDFILL:** Tribe voted on May 27 to rescind the applicable leases in order to terminate the landfill project. A backlash from BLT can be expected. They will want to move forward with their project or demand repayment of the \$5 million they have invested to date.

**D. NEW US BORDER PATROL STATION PROPOSED IN BOULEVARD:** No new information.

**E. SUNRISE POWERLINK, ECO SUBSTATION & WIND ENERGY PROJECT ISSUES:** No new information.

**F. BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION:** Planner Daubach gave a Revitalization Committee report from the May 28<sup>th</sup> Supervisor Dianne Jacob Backcountry Revitalization Steering Committee Meeting. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Chief Francois moved all Fire Dept. projects onto the Fire Safety Matrix. The community sign was discussed. Events are either not getting posted until the night before the event or not posted at all. It was suggested that a calendar of events should be emailed to the Fire Dept. so that the community sign will hopefully remain current. The playground equipment in the back of the Fire Dept. is missing. It had been donated to the community by Border Patrol agents. Fire Chief, Bill Marshall and volunteer firefighters built it. A witness reported seeing the equipment being dismantled by men that appeared to be firefighters. Planner Daubach was asked to contact Chief Francois and the Sheriff's Dept. for information regarding this.

**7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Planner Daubach announced that a community member, Diane Ang, had BLVD bumper stickers made. They are being sold at Chef's Hat for \$5 each. Proceeds will be donated to local groups. If the bumper stickers sell well, she hopes to invest in shirts and hats.

**8) ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Minutes are submitted by Tammy Daubach, Secretary.

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